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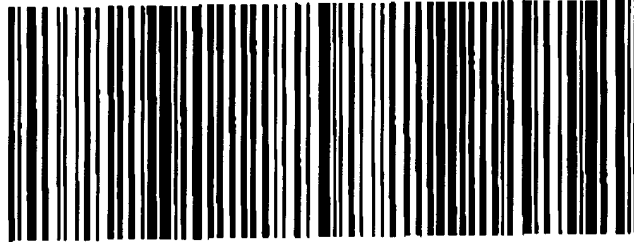
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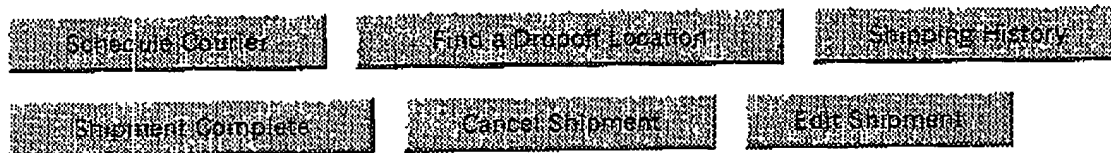
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Re **RESPONSE TO SECOND OFFICE ACTION**  
U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/605,261  
"HOBBLE TURNING METHOD AND PREFERRED APPLICATIONS  
FOR SAID METHOD"

Herr Arendt:

Please be advised that we have prepared and filed a Response to the Second Office Action for the above-identified application with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 23, 2002. Enclosed please find a copy of the Second Office Action and all papers as filed. If you require any changes, please advise immediately.

The Office Action merely cited one reference (Tuke) as "anticipating". Since it was readily apparent that Tuke did not anticipate, and that the real basis for the rejection of the claims was the vagueness of the claims and failure to conform to US practice, I extensively studied the specification and attempted to draft a new set of claims better expressing the invention and conforming to US practice. Please carefully review these new claims 27-41 with Herr Hoermansdoerfer and advise as soon as possible of any desired clarifications or changes. Due to the complex technical nature of the invention, I am concerned that the claims may not express the inventive concepts as envisioned by Herr Hoermansdoerfer.

A supplemental Amendment can be filed at any time before the Examiner examines the response, which usually takes about 2-3 months. To be safe,

please provide any comments you may have by October 23, 2002.

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Our reference: 70060/si/mz

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Betr.: US-Patent Application No. 09/605,261  
„Hobble turning method and preferred application for said method“ in the name of Gerd Hörmansdörfer, Germany

Dear Mr. Pendorf,

thank you for your letter dated September 23<sup>th</sup>, 2002. We appreciate the work done at your end. Up to now, we did not have the opportunity to discuss the details with Mr. Hörmansdörfer.

When studying claim 27 it was my impression that the last two lines should read „whereby sequential threaded blades have a larger radial distance from the axis of the socket as those preceding them in the direction of screwing.“

From our point of view this would describe the inventive idea better than the formulation now on file.

When studying the file I did not become convinced whether Mr. Hörmansdörfer or our office have given you all information concerning the cited prior art. Therefore please check the given information:

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WO 9 739 702 A  
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Please let us know whether you need copies of the mentioned documents.

After discussing the matter with Mr. Hörmansdörfer we will report again.

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